# PARK AUTHORIZATION SERVICE MANUAL

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PROVINCIAL PARKS BRANCH

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| Director | Chief of Planning |
| Assistant Directors | Chief of Engineering |
| Executive Officer | Chief of Historic Sites |
| Regional Managers | Chief of Interpretation |
| District Superintendents | Chief of Outdoor Recreation |
| Chief of Management | Information Officer ✓ |

RE: PARK AUTHORIZATION SERVICE MANUAL

Enclosed for your information and use is a manual covering procedures pertaining to the administration of Park Use Permits and Letters of Authority. By judicious use of this manual we should be able to obtain an effective method for dealing with all uses which require authorization under the Park Act and Regulations thereunder.

This manual has been prepared for internal use only, but it also may be used as an aid in answering inquiries. This manual should be interpreted and not copied when replying to inquiries.

The section dealing with Policies has not been completed to date, and all future policies (ie Mineral Claims, Guiding and Trapping) will be forwarded when finalized.

If you have any inquiries or suggestions concerning this manual please contact the Park Use Permit Office.

D. A. Fauville

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Permit Officer

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## DEFINITIONS

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A. Natural Resources - means land, water, and atmosphere, their mineral, vegetable, and other components, and includes the flora and fauna upon and within them.

B. Letter of Authority - means a letter, written by a person authorized by the Minister to do so, authorizing the addressee to perform a specified act or acts otherwise prohibited by regulation.

C. Park - means Crown land established as a Park under the Park Act.

D. Park Use Permit - means a licence, issued under this Act, authorizing an activity or a course of behaviour or conduct, or the occupancy, use, development, exploitation, or extraction of a natural resource on or in a park.

E. Recreation Area - means Crown Land reserved or set aside for public recreational use and established as a recreation area under the Park Act.

F. Resource Use Permit - means a licence, issued under this Act, authorizing an activity or course of behaviour or conduct or the occupancy, use, development, exploitation, or extraction of a natural resource on or in a recreation area. 1973, c.67,s.1.

## II ADMINISTRATION OF PARK USE PERMITS

### A. Park Use Permits - General

The Parks Branch is charged with the responsibility of managing and administering many activities within Provincial Parks and this is done by the issuing of Park Use Permits, as required.

Parks are public lands primarily intended for the enjoyment of the public and therefore, require a high order of protection. When permits are granted to an individual, group, or to a company for industrial exploitation, etc., they tend to restrict and limit the public enjoyment of park lands.

It has been determined in a Court of the Province that a Park Use Permit is, in fact, a form of licence rather than a lease. A Park Use Permit grants a specific privilege to a specific Permittee and authorizes the Permittee to do something which is otherwise prohibited by law.

A Park Use Permit is non-transferable, (Section 27 Park Act) hence it is not negotiable; it is not "property" and cannot be classed as a form of security for financial purposes. A Park Use Permit cannot be bequested to an heir and one company cannot acquire the privileges granted to another by a Park Use Permit by merger. With the passage of time, a Park Use Permit, especially for cabins, is equated with an interest in land and our Permittees consider the privileges a part of an estate and hence saleable. To counter this belief, we must endeavour to inform Permittees of the restrictions pertinent to their permits.

In summary, it is the objective of the Parks Branch to minimize the number of Park Use Permits and the wide range of activities presently authorized, except the ones which contribute to public enjoyment of approved activities in our parks. It is evident at this time that because of existing alienations, more non-conforming operations (i.e. mineral exploration or development) will have to be accommodated within Provincial Parks and if these activities are to be controlled by the Parks Branch, strict attention to the issuance and administration of Park Use Permits is imperative.

## B. Issuance of Park Use Permits

### 1. Authority to Issue

Section 24 (1) of the Park Act states: *"The Minister or his authorized agent may, subject to the provisions of this Act and upon payment of such fees as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, issue a park use permit authorizing, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, a person or persons to do any one or more thing or things for which, under this Act, a park use permit is required."*

A park use permit is required for all uses or occupancy of Park Lands by individuals, groups or companies which utilize Park lands for selective use or private gain. (i.e. cabins, guiding, or mineral exploitations.) Park Use Permits are used as a licence to control uses within parks with the main function to preserve park values and to enhance public recreational use of our Parks.

Permits when issued should authorize a single activity, operation or installation. For example if an applicant is authorized "to guide" and "to trap", two permits should be issued, one "to guide" and one "to trap". In our attempts to reduce the number of permits, we may be tempted to expand certain permits* to include multiple uses, which in fact, tend to complicate the permit and defeat desired simplicity.

### 2. Applications for Park Use Permits

Section 25 of the Park Act states *"No park use permit shall be issued to authorize the removal, destruction, disturbance, damaging, or exploitation of any natural resource or any work, occupancy, undertaking, or activity incidental thereto unless (a) A written application has been made therefore by the person to whom the permit is issued;..."*

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* Example: P.U.P. 477 Western Mines

Normally, all applicants seeking Park Use Permits address their applications to the Director, Parks Branch. When applicants, either in person, or in writing approach field staff regarding permits, it is expected that the Park Employee concerned will dispose of the request at his level if it is contrary to the Park Act or Policy. However, if he is unsure or if it may be permissible, he should request the applicant to write directly to him, outlining the request. The request will then be investigated at the field level, and sent up the line along with comments and recommendations to Victoria for final adjudication. No permit will be issued until a written application, signed by the applicant has been received by the Director, Parks Branch.

Upon the receipt of an application for a new park use permit procedure shall be as follows:

a) Management Division shall obtain complete and precise information regarding the proposed activity and requirements of the applicant.

b) Management Division shall determine if the proposed activity can be legally authorized by a Park Use Permit under the Park Act. Example - section 9 (1) (C) Park Act *"no natural resource... within a park of any class having an area of five thousand acres or less or within a nature conservancy area shall be granted, sold, removed, destroyed, damaged, disturbed, or exploited."*

3. Unauthorized Use and Occupancy of Park Lands

District Superintendents are responsible to research and investigate all unauthorized occupancy and use of Park lands within their districts which require a Park Use Permit. Complete and precise information regarding the unauthorized activity shall be forwarded to the Director Parks Branch with recommendations concerning the issuance of the permit.

4. Issuing New Park Use Permits

a) Before recommending issuance of a new park use permit, Management Division shall draft a sample permit and with it forward all available information to the Regional Manager and relevant Headquarters Divisions. Regional Staff and other Divisions concerned shall review draft permit and recommend special conditions or requirements to be added to the permit for proper

control and supervision.

b) Upon the receipt of recommendation from both Regional Staff and relevant Divisions, Management Division shall prepare a final draft clearly outlining the following:

(i) Name and address of the permittee.

(ii) Precise nature and extent of the activity or operation to be authorized.

(iii) Expiry date of the proposed permits.

(v) Addition of such special terms and conditions that are necessary to safeguard the public interest in the park involved i.e. (Bonding)

c) Management Division shall endeavour to limit the permission granted to that which is essential to the accomplishment of the purpose of the permit. Care shall be taken to insure that the permit states precisely who is authorized to do what, and where, and for how long the use is authorized.

d) Management Division shall forward two copies of the permit plus billing for endorsement by the permittee. Upon return of the permit and the required fees, the permit shall then be validated on behalf of the Minister of Recreation and Conservation and copies distributed as follows:

(i) the permittee (original)

(ii) Victoria Headquarters files

(iii) Regional Manager*

(iv) District Superintendent*

e) Upon issuance, new permits shall be treated as existing permits.

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* Copies of the permits forwarded to the Regional Manager and District Superintendent shall be xerox copies of the valid signed permits.

5. Renewal of existing Park Use Permits

If it is necessary or desirable that the privilege granted by a Park Use Permit continues beyond the date of expiry, a new permit, perhaps incorporating new terms or conditions, must be issued. The following procedure will be followed in respect to the re-issuance of Park Use Permits.

a) Park Use Permits expire at the end of the period for which they are issued and it is the permittee's responsibility to reapply to the Parks Branch for the continuation of all Park Use Permits one (1) month before the expiry date of the Permit. (To be a condition of all permits).

b) If no application of renewal is received one (1) month prior to date of expiry, the Parks Branch, on that date, will forward a letter advising the Permittee to reapply for the Permit within 30 days from the date of the letter.

c) If the Permittee has not reapplied for the continuance of a permit, within the 30 days, the Parks Branch will notify the individual by Double Registered letter that the Permit has been cancelled and application for a new permit will not be accepted.

d) Upon the receipt of an application from the permittee for the continuation of a Park Use Permit, Management Division shall redraft the existing permit, and if required, may add any special conditions needed to improve control and supervision of the Permit.

e) Endorsement, validation and distribution of the permit shall be the same as stated in Section 4(d).

C. Supervision of Park Use Permits

Supervision of Park Use Permits is an important function of the District Superintendent in the administration of the Parks in his District. Regional Managers and especially District Superintendents must familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of all permits authorized in their District, and shall conduct inspections of the permit area from time to time.

1. Inspections

a) Supervision of all Park Use Permits is the direct responsibility of the District Superintendent who must submit at least one inspection report per year on each permit to the Regional Manager, who in turn reviews the report and forwards it to Management Division. Vexing or troublesome permits should be inspected on a more frequent basis.

b) All inspection reports, must be received at least thirty (30) days before the anniversary or expiry date of the permit by Management Division. This will facilitate the addition of new conditions, if required, on permits which are to be renewed.

c) It is the responsibility of the District Superintendent to insure that infractions of the terms or conditions of a permit are drawn to the attention of the permittee as soon as possible and that all practical efforts are made to ensure proper observance by the permittee of the terms and conditions.

d) Violations, infringements and/or failures to comply with the terms or conditions of a permit by the permittee will be corrected by the District Superintendent by advising the permittee, in writing, of the infringement and requiring compliance within a set period of time i.e. (one month). A copy of the inspection report listing the violations should also be sent to the Permittee. Copies of all correspondence shall be forwarded to Management Division.

e) Flagrant, willful or continued disregard for the Park Act, Park Regulations or the terms or conditions of a permit by a permittee must be reported in detail, in writing, to the Director, Attention: Management Division.

f) Management Division is responsible for following up and reinforcing efforts of the field staff and advising a defaulting permittee that failure to comply with the terms and conditions within a set period of time will lead to cancellation of the permit.

g) When, in the opinion of the Chief of Management, modification or cancellation of a park use permit is necessary or advisable, details and recommendations shall be forwarded to the Director, who, after consultation with the Minister* shall determine if the Permit will be modified or cancelled.

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* Termination or cancellation of all valid and subsisting Permits may be effected by the Director only with the approval of the MINISTER

## III LETTERS OF AUTHORITY

A "Letter of Authority" as defined in Provincial Park Regulations means *"a letter, written by a person authorized by the Minister to do so, authorizing the addressee to perform a specified act or acts otherwise prohibited by regulation."*

Park Act Regulations are quite specific in definition, in that letters of authority can only authorize activities or uses which are prohibited by regulations as set by said regulations. Letters of Authority cannot countermand the requirements of the Park Act, only Park Use Permits can modify the Act as authorized by the Act.

### Issuance of Letters of Authority

A. Letters of Authority can be issued by the Regional Managers as per Statement of Policy (Section IV(B) with exception to the following which will be issued by Management Division:

1. scientific research, collections etc.
2. activity involving two or more regions
3. advertising

B. All Letters of Authority should contain the following specific information:

1. where the activity takes place
2. description of designated activity authorized
3. date of commencement and termination of activity
4. number of people involved (i.e. group camping)
5. equipment or vehicles (i.e. registration number of snowmobiles.)
6. conditions for control of the authorized activity

C. Regional Managers shall forward copies to Victoria Headquarters and the District concerned. In order to facilitate a proper control system for filing at Victoria Headquarters all Letters

of Authority shall be numbered consecutively by each Region during the calendar year.

Example - Re: Letter of Authority #1 - 1975

# IV STATEMENTS OF POLICY

# A Performance Bonds for Industrial Exploitation Within Provincial Parks Statement of Policy

Section 26 of the Park Act states *"Before issuing a Park Use Permit, the Minister or his authorized agent may require the person to whom it is intended to issue the permit to pay to Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province a sum of money which the Minister or that agent considers sufficient to defray the costs of the restoration or repair of the park or parks concerned necessitated by the use authorized by the permit."*

With the possibility of more permits being issued for mineral exploration and development work on existing mineral claims within parks and recreation areas, we have a need to standardize performance bond requirements.

Performance bonds have two main functions:

1) A financial force to insure that the Permittee will abide by the conditions of the permit. Performance bonds are subject to forfeiture on non-compliance of permit conditions.

2) Upon non-compliance by Permittee, and resulting Park Use Permit cancellation, the performance bond is subject to forfeiture and the required funds shall be used to clean up and restore all park lands affected. After the restoration of park lands has been accomplished to the satisfaction of the Parks Branch, surplus monies shall be returned to the former Permittee;

Adequate bonding requirements at the present time shall be set at the following rates:

1. Basic amount - $10,000 (1-5) acres
2. Area used over 5 acres - $2,000/acre

Bonding requirements shall be subject to negotiation + or - from the basic amount depending upon the extent of environmental impact on the Park lands concerned.

Performance bonds shall be required for all industrial exploitation which utilizes park lands for the following:

1. Construction of new roads
2. Camps and industrial sites

3. surface disturbance in the course of mineral exploration and development, etc.
4. dumping of tailings and other effluents.

For very minor exploration work on mineral claims, bonding may not be required. The Park Use Permit can be used as a lever to accomplish all restoration required.

In the event of insufficient bonding, Section (3) Park Act Regulations states the following *"...in the event that no or insufficient security is deposited, any expense to the Crown in right of the Province incurred in making such repairs is a debt owing to her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province by the owner involved and is recoverable at the suit of Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province in any court or competent jurisdiction."*

Section 26 of the Park Act states the following:

*"....pay to Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province a sum of money...."*

Because of the above statement, performance bonds which are acceptable under the Park Act are restricted to the following:

1) negotiable securities, i.e. B.C. Hydro Bonds
2) certified cheque

All performance bonds received by the Parks Branch for a Park Use Permit shall be deposited with the Department of Finance for safe keeping.

Approved: _____ Date February 20/76

Director, Parks Branch

3-2-8

## Letters of Authority
## Statement of Policy

In line with the decentralization of the Parks Branch, Regional Managers are given authority to issue Letters of Authority as required by Provincial Park Regulations (1970) with exception to the following:

1. Scientific research, collections, etc.
2. Activity involving two or more regions.
3. Advertising

Approved: _____ Date: June 10/76
Director, Parks Branch

C. Commercial Concessions

Statement of Policy

Section 24 (3) of the Park Act states *"No Park Use Permit shall be issued to authorize the offering of goods, services, accommodation, or equipment for sale, hire, or rent to the public until advertisement of intention to issue the permit has been published in the Gazette, and in one issue of a newspaper circulated in the Province."*

We have, in the past, been very reluctant to issue commercial permits for cross-country skiing, helicopter skiing, mountaineering, and the Outward Bound School because of the lengthy procedure required in advertising the permits.

A. Section 24(3) shall be applied only to Concessions which meet the the following requirements:

1. Base of operations within park using park facilities, i.e. buildings.

2. Business derived from developments in park, i.e. Mt. Assiniboine Lodge.

3. Concessions given exclusive rights. i.e.
   a) Manning Park Ski School - Rental Cencession
   b) Mt. Seymour Concession
   c) Barkerville Gold Concession
   d) Fort Steele Tea Room Concession

B. Section 24(3) shall not be applied for commercial uses which meet the following requirements:

1. Base of operations located outside of park.

2. No exclusive rights given.

3. Permittee derives profit from access and use of park territory only.

4. No private developments permitted within park by Permittee.
   i.e. a) Cross-Country skiing.
   b) Outward Bound
   c) Helicopter skiing
   d) Mountaineering guiding, etc.

For situations listed under "B" above, a P.U.P. is mandatory, but advertising not necessary.

Approved: _____ Date: February 10/76
Director of Parks

Parks File: 3-2-8

Fish & Wildlife File: 14-00

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# D. GUIDING WITHIN PROVINCIAL PARKS

## Statement of Policy

Definitions:

Guide - means a person who for remuneration received or promised assists another person to hunt any game, or in finding, angling for, or catching any game fish in circumstances wherein a licence is required under the Wildlife Act.

Guide Outfitter -

1. guiding territory registered on a Guide Outfitter's certificate.

2. guiding territory endorsed on licence and only as a condition of the licence, territory is not treated as a chattel should the licencee die before the end of the licence year.

Guiding is considered a commercial activity and, thusly, all such activities which utilize Provincial Park lands must be authorized by a Park Use Permit. At present, we have many historic guiding territories within Provincial Parks which either predate the Parks or were authorized by past administrations. In recent years, the Parks Branch has superimposed new Parks over existing guiding territories held under Guide Outfitters Certificates, issued by the Fish & Wildlife Branch. Certificates are issued for a term not exceeding 15 years and grants the holder an exclusive right to act as a guide for specified species, in a single specified territory. All Guide Outfitters Certificates are destined to terminate on March 31, 1987. Park Use Permits will be issued to authorize only existing guides currently operating within Provincial Parks and no new guides or guide territories will be authorized by either Parks Branch or Fish and Wildlife Branch. The Parks Branch will not consider the purchase of any guiding territory or guiding rights held within Provincial Parks.

Guide Outfitters Certificates

1. All Guide Outfitters Certificates issued under the provisions of the Wildlife Act which predate the creation of a Park will be honoured by the Parks Branch for the full term remaining on the Certificate (none issued after Park created).

2. Upon the expiry of a Guides Outfitters Certificate, the Certificate shall not be renewed and shall revert in total to the jurisdiction of the Parks Branch. If the Parks Branch desires the continuation of guiding, a guiding territory

allocated as a condition of licence will be authorized and the historic guide will have first right of refusal.

3. In the event of the death of a Certificate holder, the privileges shall remain in the right of the spouse for the term remaining on the Certificate. The spouse may, with the approval of the Director, Fish & Wildlife Branch, allow another qualified guide to operate within the Territory as his/her sole agent. In the event of the death of both Certificate holder and spouse, all rights and privileges of the Certificate shall be considered terminated and revert in total to the jurisdiction of the Parks Branch and shall not be transferred.

Guiding Territories Allocated as a Condition of Licence

1. Exisiting guides shall be licensed under the Wildlife Act and be authorized by the Parks Branch with a Park Use Permit.

2. Park Use Permits shall be issued for a maximum term of three (3) years, renewable at the discretion of the Director, Parks Branch.

3. Upon the expiry or otherwise termination of Park Use Permits, all rights shall revert to the Parks Branch. Permits are non-transferable and the guiding territories or right are not saleable.

Certificates and Guiding Licences are subject to the following provisions:

1. Closure of hunting season or species

   a) In the event of the imposition of a Nature Conservancy Area over a guiding territory, the guide shall be given three (3) years' notice to terminate all activity.

   b) In the event of the total closure of hunting within a Park or a territory within a Park, the guide shall be given the following notice:
   (i) One (1) year notice for closure by Fish & Wildlife Branch;

   (ii) Three (3) years' notice for closure by Parks Branch.

   c) In the event of the closure of hunting to a certain species by Fish & Wildlife or Parks, the guide concerned shall receive one (1) year's notice.

2. All Special Use Permits and Land Use Permits issued under the Provisions of the Forest Act or the Land Act for campsites or cabins used for guiding, shall be transferred to the Parks Branch and authorized by a Park Use Permit.

3. The location and construction of all trails contemplated by the guides within Parks shall be approved and authorized by the Director, Parks Branch.

4. Provisions of the Wildlife Act and Park Act shall be binding on all Guides within Provincial Parks. Where there is conflict between the Wildlife Act and the Park Act, the provisions of the Park Act shall govern.

5. a) Contravention of the Wildlife Act or Certificate by the Guide shall void the guiding operation within the Park and the licence and Park Use Permit shall be cancelled, subject to appeal as provided for.

   b) Contravention of the Park Act or Park Use Permit by the Guide shall void the guiding operation within the Park and the Permit and guiding licence shall be cancelled, subject to appeal as provided for.

Dr. J. Hatter
Director
Fish & Wildlife Branch

T.E. Lee
Director
Parks Branch

Approved: _____
Minister of Recreation and Conservation

Date: _____

PARKS BRANCH

Department of Recreation and Conservation

Guide-Outfitters Report

Name_____ P.O. Address_____

Guide-Outfitters Licence No._____ Year 19___

PARK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Park_____

| Species | # Animals killed were Male | Female | Juvenile | Area of kill within (nearest landmark) Park | Date of Kill |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moose | | | | | |
| Goat | | | | | |
| Caribou | | | | | |
| Deer - whitetail | | | | | |
| - coastal | | | | | |
| - mule | | | | | |
| Sheep | | | | | |
| Elk | | | | | |
| Grizzly Bear | | | | | |
| Black Bear | | | | | |
| Wolf | | | | | |
| Coyote | | | | | |
| Cougar | | | | | |
| Game Birds | | | | | |

If space is not large enough for information on any species please use back of form.

I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:_____

PARKS BRANCH

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PARK _____

Permittee _____ Address _____

Park Use Permit No. _____

PARK MANAGEMENT SPORT FISH SURVEY

| Date | Species | No. caught | | Weight | Length | Sex | Area fished (Name of Lake or Strea |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Kept | Released | | | M/F | |
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Fish & Wildlife - 17-00

# E. TRAPPING WITHIN PROVINCIAL PARKS

## Statement of Policy

Definition:

Trap-line - means the area or location defined and registered under the Wildlife Act for the taking of fur-bearing animals thereon by a licensed trapper, and includes any line of traps location so defined and registered.

Trapping is considered a commercial activity and therefore cannot be considered an appropriate park activity. It is perhaps worth mentioning that the apparent public attitude toward trapping is presently negative, particularly so in Provincial Parks where the sanctity of animal life is considered synonomous with Parks.

General Policy, at this point, is to turn down all applications for new trapping permits and to phase out existing trap lines. Park Use Permits will be issued for trapping within Provincial Parks in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The trapper is legally licensed.

2. The trap line is legally registered.

3. Trap line has been and continues to be in use.

In the phasing out period, Parks Branch will concentrate initially on Nature Conservancy areas, and our intention is to deactivate all trap lines in such areas by January 1, 1976.

After the Nature Conservancy areas are free of traplines, the Parks Branch will then proceed with the gradual elimination of all other trap lines within Provincial Parks.

Phasing out of traplines will proceed as follows:

1. identification of all traplines within parks,

2. legalization by Park Use Permits of all bona fide traplines,

3. co-operation of Fish and Wildlife Branch, to transfer trappers to viable alternative areas, if available.

Trapping - General

1. All registered trap-lines licensed under the provisions of the Wildlife Act will be honoured by the Parks Branch (Park Use Permit) until such time as they are transferred to other viable areas or are phased out altogether.

2. Upon the cancellation or otherwise termination of a trapping license, the license and permit authorizing the activity will not be renewed.

3. Park Use Permits for trapping shall be issued on a one year renewable basis. Permits are not transferable or negotiable and the Parks Branch will not contemplate or consider the purchase of a trapline.

4. Closure of Trapping in Provincial Parks

   a) In the event of the imposition of a Nature Conservancy Area over a registered trapline, the trapper shall be given three (3) years' notice in which to terminate all activity.

   b) In the event of the total closure of trapping within a Park or on a trapline within a Park, the trapper shall receive the following notice:

      i) one (1) year's notice for closure by Fish and Wildlife Branch; or
      ii) three (3) years' notice for closure by Parks Branch.

   c) In the event of the closure of trapping of a certain species by Fish & Wildlife or Parks, the trapper concerned shall receive one (1) year's notice.

5. All Special Use Permits and Land Use Permits issued under the provisions of the Forest Act or the Land Act for cabins used for trapping shall be transferred to the Parks Branch and authorized by a Park Use Permit.

6. The locations and construction of all trails contemplated by trappers within Parks shall be approved and authorized by the Director, Parks Branch.

7. Provisions of the Wildlife Act and Park Act shall be binding on all trappers within Provincial Parks. Where there is conflict between the Wildlife Act and the Park Act, the provisions of the Park Act shall prevail.

8. a) Contravention of the Wildlife Act by the trapper shall void the trapping operation within the Park and the trapping license and Park Use Permit shall be cancelled, subject to appeal as provided for.

b) Contravention of the Park Act or Park Use Permit conditions by the trapper shall void the trapping operation within the Park and the Park Use Permit and trapping license shall be cancelled, subject to appeal as provided for.

Dr. J. Hatter
Director
Fish & Wildlife Branch

T.E. Lee
Director
Parks Branch

Approved: Minister of Recreation & Conservation

Date: _____

PARKS BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

Park_____

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PREREQUISITE TO RENEWAL OF PARK USE PERMIT
OF REGISTERED TRAP-LINE

Name of applicant_____ P.O. address_____
(Print or type)

Date of last application_____

No. of current trapper's licence_____

The following is the number and kind of fur-bearing animals trapped on my registered trap-line during the last trapping season and a list of the markets or fur-traders to which the furs were sold.

Fur-bearers Taken

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Badger_____ | Fox_____ | Otter_____ | Wolf_____ |
| Beaver_____ | Lynx_____ | Raccoon_____ | Wolverine_____ |
| Bobcat_____ | Marten_____ | Skunk_____ | Other_____ |
| Coyote_____ | Mink_____ | Squirrel_____ | |
| Fisher_____ | Muskrat_____ | Weasel | |

Markets Used

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Dated this_____day of_____, 19___, at _____, B. C.

(Signature of trapper) _____

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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

CIRCULAR LETTER #5-74

PARKS BRANCH

Victoria, B. C.

January 14, 1974

FILE: 3-2-8

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| District Park Officers | R. H. Ahrens |
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| Surveys Supervisor | Executive Officer |
| Construction Superintendent | Personnel Officer |
| L. Joveski | Chief of Management |
| J. D. Ring | Chief of Engineering |
| J. G. Warner | Chief of Planning |
| A. B. Campbell | Chief of Historic Sites |
| | Liaison Officer |
| | Headquarters Services |

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Re: Permits for Water Use in Parks

Although the Park Act is not subject to the Water Act, it is reasonable that we should cooperate fully with the Water Rights Branch in their efforts to keep the water use records of the province complete. For this reason, in future, any water use in parks will be covered by a Water Licence as well as by a Park Use Permit. All requests for water use in parks are to be referred to Water Rights Branch for their comments and approval before a P.U.P. is issued, and any clauses they suggest will be added to the P.U.P. Further, the following clause will be added to all permits involving water use:

- The permittee is required to conform to the conditions of the Water Act, and to obtain a Water Licence before exercising the privileges granted by this Permit.

Further to the above, the Parks Branch itself should apply for a Water Licence even though water use may occur wholly within a park.

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POLICY REGARDING

NATURE CONSERVANCY AREAS

Nature Conservancy Areas are expanses of natural environment which contain outstanding or representative examples of scenery and natural history, uninfluenced by the activities of man. Such areas will be maintained as roadless tracts, in which both natural features and ecological communities are preserved intact and the natural progressions of the environment may proceed without alteration. No exploitation or development, except that necessary to preservation of natural processes, is permissible.

Use of Nature Conservancy Areas shall be limited to those activities which do not detract from, or disturb, the natural enviornment and which are compatible with the wilderness experience sought by visitors to these areas. All forms of commercial activity as well as the use of combustion engines for recreational purposes shall be prohibited in Nature Conservancy Areas. Activities considered to be compatible with the Nature Conservancy concept include; hiking and climbing, canoeing and rowing, camping, nature study, and photography. Trail-riding and fishing shall also be permitted in areas where deterioration of the natural resource will not result. Use quotas will be established if the popularity of an activity reaches a point where the impact of participation in the activity is considered detrimental to the natural processes of the area.

Any improvement or development will be limited to that which is required to protect the natural environment and to insure the safety of the user. Such development might include a trail system, primitive camping areas, and information and reception centres at entry points including the provision of suitable boats where necessary.

Forest and wildlife management and protection measures will be implemented only when it is necessary to correct or control unnatural situations induced by human activities.

RECOMMENDED: "LLOYD BROOKS"
Deputy Minister

APPROVED: "R.A. WILLIAMS"
Minister

September 14, 1972.